

North Dakota—Roger Allin, republican.

Ohio—William McKinley, Jr., republican.

Oregon—William P. Lord, republican.

Pennsylvania—Daniel A. Hastings, republican.

Rhode Island—D. Russell Brown, republican.

South Carolina—John Gray Evans, democrat.

South Dakota—Charles L. Sheldon, republican.

Tennessee—H. Clay Evans, republican.

Texas—Charles A. Culberson, democrat.

Vermont—Urbana Woodbury, republican.

Virginia—Charles T. O'Ferrall, democrat.

Washington—John H. McGraw, republican.

West Virginia—William A. MacCorkle, democrat.

Wisconsin—William Henry Upham, republican.

Wyoming—William A. Richards, republican.

At the beginning of the present year 24 of the governors were democrats, 16 republicans and 4 fusion and populists.

NOT RECEIVING.

A Young Widow's Too Aggressive Caller Neatly Rebuked.

A man of the world was wont to call, not unfrequently, upon a young widow, says the Illustrated American. One day the pretty maid at the door announced that her mistress was out of town. On some pretext, however, the man entered. He also talked to the maid. Some days later, knowing that the lady had returned, he called again. He was a bit surprised when a strange maid met him at the door and showed him to the little reception-room. While she carried his card up the stairs, he reflected that she was not so dainty as her predecessor, and she was not so pretty, though her uniform was similar, and her cap was as stiff and her apron as spotless. He was realizing how much more woman is to the dress than the dress is to the woman, when the maid returned and announced promptly: "Mrs. — is not receiving." The man of the world bit his lips—it was the first time he had ever been denied admittance—and moved toward the door. The maid held it open for him and as he passed through it she blurted out: "And she says, if you please, sir, the maids receive in the kitchen, sir."

A Good Reason.

An exchange reports the sarcastic saying of a master of elocution who was instructing an unusually dull pupil. "When you have finished your lecture," said the teacher, "bow gracefully and leave the platform on tiptoe." The pupil was dull, but not so very dull as not to feel surprised at this last remark. "On tiptoe?" he said. "Yes," answered the teacher, "so as not to wake the audience."

DEFIES HEAT AND COLD.

A New Kind of Glass Unhurt by Violent Atmospheric Changes.

The new German glass is a new and singular departure in that line, disregarding as it does the ordinary principle that good glass must contain, together with silica and a divalent or trivalent metallic oxide, the oxide of a monovalent metal—an alkali metal or tellurium—but while thus free from alkali can be worked before the blow-pipe, and has a small coefficient of expansion. The inventor, says the New York Sun, was led to the production of this compound glass by studying the state of strain in ordinary glass vessels and tubes cooled in contact with air. As a hollow glass vessel, cooled in contact with the air, has its outer skin in a state of compression, while the inside is in a state of tension, it is easily damaged on the inside, but is resistant on the outside; a hollow glass vessel, if introduced when cold into warm air, has its outer skin thrown into a state of compression, but if, when it is hot, it is exposed to cold air, its outer skin is thrown into a state of tension—this being the reason why cold air causes glass to crack more readily than hot air does. The inventor succeeded in throwing the outer layer into a permanent state of compression by covering the glass vessel with a thin outer layer of glass which has a small coefficient of expansion. The flasks made of such glass can be filled with boiling aniline and immediately sprinkled on the outside with cold water—glass dishes, too, can be heated over the naked Bunsen flame without cracking. Pressure tubes of this compound glass are also made to meet all the requirements of practice and have been kept in continuous use on locomotives for five months.

IT IS NOT SLANG.

The Term "Gent" and Its Modern Application.

The word "gent" nowadays seems to wear its hat cocked on one side of the head and to walk with a caddish swagger of vulgar self-importance. But I know a worthy old lady in the country, writes Edward Eggleston in Century, who calls her husband the "old gent," using it as a title of respect, and such it was in her childhood and long before. In 1754 Rev. Samuel Davies, afterward president of Princeton college, traveling in England, describes Rev. Dr. Lardner as "a little pert old gent," epithets that would not be flattering to a minister to-day, nor even dignified for a minister to use. "Pert" here has the sense of "lively"—much as a Kentuckian might use "peart" or a New Englander "perk." Indeed, I suspect that Davies gave the word the sound of "peart." That Davies used "gent" as a term of respect is shown by his characterization of another reverend doctor as "a venerable, humble and affectionate old gent." It will not do, therefore, to account a word recent because of its slanginess. When a smoker professes fondness for "the weed" he does not dream that he is using an epithet applied to tobacco by

King James I. in 1620, and that nearly two hundred years earlier than James, in the reign of Edward VI., the hop-plant just coming into England was called "the wicked weed." What plant had worn this title of contempt before the hop I do not know.

A FATAL SUPERSTITION.

Mexicans Regard Smallpox as a Divine Visitation.

The poor and ignorant class of Mexicans have an uncanny religious superstition about smallpox. On a recent visit to the interior of Mexico, says a writer in the New Orleans Picayune, I saw mothers carrying around in their arms babies whose little bodies were almost eaten up by smallpox. I was, of course, shocked at the frightful spectacle, and even offered one deluded mother money if she would take her terribly afflicted child home and call in a physician to attend it. But she refused my proffer with scorn, and began to croon some weird incantation as she tenderly caressed the little half-clad sufferer in her arms. I afterward learned that the ignorant class of Mexicans consider an outbreak of the red pest in their miserable hovels a visitation of Divine wrath for some sin they have committed. So set are they in this belief that they will do nothing whatever to check the ravages of the disease, except when it attacks their infants, to take the victims in their arms, press them closely to their breasts and pray devoutly and continuously to God to forgive them for their wickedness. Of course the smallpox runs its course after awhile, though never before claiming several members of every family as victims, but not until it does are the afflicted parents purged of their sins.

Equality of Sex.

It is natural for a woman to resent the imputation that the feminine mind is not so strong as the masculine, and this spirit of independence was early manifested in a schoolgirl living in a Massachusetts town. She had, too often, perhaps, been made to acknowledge the superiority of her brothers. One day her mother remarked upon the apparently utter lack of intelligence in a hen. "You can't teach a hen anything," she said. "They have ruined more of the garden than a drove of cattle would. You can teach a cat, dog, or pig something, but a hen—never!" "Hm!" exclaimed the child, indignantly. "I think they know just as much as the roosters!"

Adirondack Echoes.

There are some remarkable echoes in the wood-encircled Adirondack lakes. A single whoop will be tossed about a dozen times from a bit of woodland edging the lake, and when the last echo seems to have died away some more distant woodland will suddenly take up the call with increased loudness, and the sound will at length fade out in extreme distance. The nearer echoes seem to be filled with the inexpressible freshness of the woodland, and it is hard to believe that the sound is mere airy mimicry of the human voice.